

**Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs**  
**August 3, 2007 Meeting Summary**

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs held its August meeting at the Detroit Public Television Station – Riley Broadcast Center in Wixom with H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D. presiding. This meeting included presentations by Ms. Betty Underwood of the Michigan Department of Education, Mr. Daniel Bojalad of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and by Ms. Rita Canady, Mr. Mark Cisco and Mr. Henry Green of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Public comment was received from Mr. Anand Kumar and Mr. Ernest Ku.

New Council members were introduced including Mr. Lawrence Almeda of Canton, Mr. Reginald Pacis of Detroit, Lt. Jeffrey Vang of Mount Pleasant, Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu of Ypsilanti and Mr. Michael Roblee of Troy. Council member Willie Dechavez was nominated for leadership of the Cultural Committee of the Council, replacing Dr. Amy K. Stillman whose term on the Council has expired.

The Council voted to accept Initiative Statements for dissemination to State government agencies and departments as well as for public information purposes. These condensed statements reflect the focus of the Council's initiatives as proposed for the years 2007 to 2011.

The Business, Civil Rights, Health, Education and Immigration Committees all presented verbal reports on recent activity and announcements. The Civil Rights Committee is facilitating a Town Hall meeting/training workshop at the Korean American Community Center in Southfield on October 13; for additional information, contact Council members Ms. Ying Gee or Mr. Roland Hwang.

Other business and announcements: MDCR and the Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes is conducting a one-day conference on hate crime on September 6 at the Kellogg Center. Registration information is on the MDCR website, [www.michigan.gov/mdcr/](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/).

Next meeting of the Council is October 19 in Madison Heights at the Chinese Community Center. ACAPAA meetings begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 Noon.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created by a May 2005, Executive Order (No.2005 – 10) from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D, was appointed Chair of the Council, which was placed administratively inside the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is available on the Governor's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov>.